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## VALUE OF CITY'S TRANSIT LINES CUT \$300,000,000

**\$465,680,154 RECOMMENDED  
AS VALUE OF TRANSIT LINES;  
REDUCTION OF \$300,000,000**

Report to Commission Slashes  
Figures Carried on Books  
of Companies.

CUT IS 40 PER CENT.

Capitalization Is \$1,000,000,000, but Exclusion Brings It to \$765,000,000.

The report to the Transit Commission of its Bureau of Valuation, made at the hearing to-day by John H. Madden, Valuation Engineer, and Fred W. Lindars, Chief Accountant, recommends the total figure of \$465,680,154 as the net valuation to be placed on the properties of the forty transit companies engaged for valuation in the commission's plan of reorganization.

The present capitalization of those transit companies, including stocks and bonds of every description now outstanding, is approximately \$1,000,000,000. From this total, however, the commission's Bureau of Valuation excluded various company holdings, bringing the par value of the actual securities held by the public down to \$765,000,000. The companies' own valuation of the properties, as carried on their books and irrespective of security issues, aggregate \$791,000,000.

The report of the Bureau of Valuation recommends, therefore, a reduction of \$300,000,000, or about 40 per cent. of the present net capitalization and of \$326,000,000 below company book values.

The recommendation of the Bureau of Valuation is that valuations be based upon original cost, from which is to be deducted the amount of expenditure necessary to put such property in first class operating condition.

When the hearing was taken up William A. De Ford, representing the Transit Bureau of the Corporation Counsel's Office, announced that he appeared for the city, making the usual statement that he did so without prejudice to the rights of the city.

He was told that he was welcome. Mr. De Ford, it is understood, succeeds Senator Hiram Johnson as the representative of the city.

Following is a summary of the recommended valuations by railroad system, compared with capitalization (stocks and bonds held by investors) and amounts at which the properties are valued on the company books:

B. R. T. system—surface lines, including the Brooklyn City Company, \$58,511,521; elevated and subway lines, \$99,096,913; a total of \$157,608,434.

The capital stock and bonds outstanding of the B. R. T. is \$225,174,677.

### BOILER BLAST ROCKS HOTEL, TIES UP TRAFFIC AND STARTS RUMOR OF GREAT DISASTER

At a few minutes before noon to-day, the boiler in the engine room of the apartment hotel at No. 30 East 55th Street, blew up with an explosion which smashed all the basement windows of the house, sent the glass crashing into the street, rocked the building and scared residents of the neighborhood in a radius of five blocks.

Residents of the hotel clogged the telephone with alarmed inquiries, but were calmed by employees sent from room to room.

The police reported that the explosion was due to overcrowding of the firebox with rubbish in addition to the ordinary fuel, which caused an abnormal steam pressure.

Traffic on Madison Avenue was suspended for half an hour by the congestion of fire apparatus in front of the building.

From thirty to forty persons telephoned to Fire and Police Headquarters that a "great disaster" had occurred.

### BOMB WRECKS 3 HOUSES; IMPERILS FIFTEEN CHILDREN

Highland Park, N. J., Explosion Follows Warning by Tenant, Who Is Arrested.

The lives of twenty-one persons, fifteen of them young children, were imperiled by an explosion which totally demolished one and partially wrecked two houses in Highland Park, a suburb of New Brunswick, N. J., at dawn to-day. Ralph Woonough, who lived in one of the houses, is under arrest on suspicion, as he appears to have had advance knowledge of the explosion, which occurred in the house he occupied. The effects of the explosion indicate that a powerful bomb was set off.

The three houses stood in a group. Woonough, whose wife is in a hospital, occupied the second floor of the middle house. According to the police he rushed from his home shortly before the explosion, pounded on the doors of the houses on each side of his own and advised the tenants to get out, as he thought his house was on fire. When the explosion occurred he was a block away turning in a fire alarm.

Max Josephsky, his wife and two children and Joseph Lozcano, his wife and seven children occupied the house to the right of the one where the explosion occurred. A wall was blown in and the occupants were covered with debris, but all escaped with scratches. In the other house lived Joseph Longato, his wife and six children. Every door in this building was blown off its hinges, but the occupants escaped injury.

Mrs. Mary Josephsky was standing at the top of the stairs, holding her one-year-old baby. Her husband had reached the bottom with their three-year-old boy when the explosion occurred. The stairway was blown out, and Mrs. Josephsky was hurled to the first floor with the baby in her arms, beside the wall, which was blown in. The refuse fell around her, but she and the baby were taken out uninjured.

Lozcano with his wife and seven children occupied the lower floor of this house. They were sleeping in two rooms next to the middle house. The wall was blown in, the

### SHOT HER BROTHER TO SAVE FATHER HE WAS ATTACKING

Girl Admits It—Wounded Man Objected to Her Visiting Friend.

THOUGHT HIM TOO OLD.

Girl's First Love Affair Leads to Tragedy—Fired Five Shots.

The first serious love affair of pretty Carolina Russo, eighteen, has landed her in jail on a charge of having shot her brother, Alphonso, three years her senior. This charge may be changed to homicide. The row that led to the shooting was a family one, due to the fact that her suitor, who was nearly twice her age, was declared too old for her. The brother, with a bullet in his lung, is near death in the Kings County Hospital and Carolina is held without bail in Richmond Street Jail.

Frank Russo, the father, is a cobbler with a shop and living quarters at the rear at No. 555 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn. The daughter is a forewoman in a shirt factory, indicating some degree of executive ability and willingness to think for herself. The son is a jewelry salesman.

Two weeks ago a man named Pete (last name not divulged by the family) who says they do not know it met Carolina. In a week he had proposed. He called last night and was to get his answer from the father. In the meanwhile Alphonso had decided, big brother like, that the caller was too old. Pete admitted to thirty.

Before he left the Russo home last night Pete wanted to know where he stood. The father told him "yes" and "no." Pete felt still uncertain as to whether he was acceptable as a son-in-law.

When he had gone it was nearly 1 A. M. Alphonso came from his room and upbraided the father for not being firm and telling Pete he was too old. Carolina paced her bedroom awaiting the father's decision. From words, according to accounts gathered by Detectives Fitzgerald and McCarthy, father and son came to blows and the father, who is forty-five years old, was getting the worst of it.

His cries were answered by Carolina, who ran from her room, dashed into her brother's, seized his revolver and, entering the shop, blazed away, admitting the shooting and says she did it to scare her brother, not to hurt him. Alphonso ran back through the house. Five shots were fired, two of which hit him in the back.

The stories of the mother, father and a younger sister bear out the statements of the beating of the old man. Carolina was taken to the bedside of her brother in the hospital. Conscious and in imminent danger of death, the police say he looked up and said:

"Yes, she shot me."

"I did," said the girl. "I am sorry."

Following the shooting it is said she tried to kill herself and was disarmed by her father.

### FAVORS EXTENDING IMMIGRANT LAW

House Passes Resolution on 3 Per Cent. Restriction, Fixing Limit June 30, 1923.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The House to-day passed and sent to the Senate a resolution extending until June 30, 1923, the 3 per cent. restrictive Immigration Law.

The rules were suspended to permit action at this time.

The vote was 350 to 36.

### A SAMPLE OF OUR WINTER WEATHER.

SARANAC LAKE, Feb. 20.—There was a thunder storm here early to-day with vivid lightning and a downpour of rain lasting an hour. Two days ago the mercury registered 42 degrees below zero.

### M'CORMICK HEIRESS, 16, WINS FATHER'S CONSENT TO MARRY SWISS RIDING MASTER, SAID TO BE 57



MISS MATHILDE M'CORMICK IN TWO POSES. PAND A. PHOTO

### SIXTEEN OVERCOME IN FIRE IN 30-STORY WALL ST. BUILDING

Firemen and Watchman Knocked Out by Gas and Smoke, Rescued by Comrades.

Fifteen firemen, a wa chman, and a dog mascot were knocked out by monoxide gas and smoke during a fire on the fifteenth floor of the thirty-story building, No. 61 Wall Street, near Broad, at 4:30 A. M. to-day. The three who were taken to the Broad Street Hospital are:

KAY, GEORGE, sixty-six, No. 233 73d Street Brooklyn, watchman of the building. Overcome by smoke and gas. Condition serious.

KOHLUT, CHARLES, fireman, Truck No. 15. Overcome by smoke and gas.

LAGAMAZINE, LOUIS, fireman, Truck No. 15. Broken knee, suffering from smoke and gas.

The other firemen were attended by doctors and went back to quarters. Kay discovered the fire in a storeroom filled with inflammable materials. He sent in a special building alarm and with other watchmen and a score of cleaners fought the blaze with the house hose lines until Engine No. 4, under Lieut. Philip Zimmerman with six men, and Truck No. 15, under Lieut. Rowe with seven men, came.

The carried lines of hose up in the elevators, and owing to the modern construction of the building had little difficulty in confining the flames to the one room. The lack of ventilation and melted gas connections were said by ambulance surgeons to have caused the deadly gas that bowled over the men until every member of the engine and truck companies were incapacitated.

They were assisted to the street by comrades in other companies. It was discovered that Rex, Engine Company No. 4's mascot, which had gone up with the men, was missing. He was found overcome by gas and carried to the street but soon revived.

The damage from the fire was trifling. The building houses some of the biggest financial firms in the district.

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### Wedding Planned for Summer, but Couple Must Live in America.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The baby granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller has won the right to marry the man she loves, a Swiss riding master, three and a half times her age.

Mathilde McCormick, sixteen, persuaded her father, Harold F. McCormick, multi-millionaire head of the International Harvester Company, that her happiness depended on marriage to Max Oser, Zurich, Switzerland, who is fifty-seven years old. McCormick then made the announcement of the engagement.

Only one string is attached to the consent—Max Oser must come to America to live, friends of the family stated. This provision, it was said, was a concession to the world's richest man, Rockefeller, who has prided himself publicly that fortune-seeking men of Europe never married into his family.

Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, who recently divorced Mathilde's father, did not take part in the family council, it was believed. She remained in her Lake Shore home where she has been living apart from her husband since she returned from a seven-year sojourn in Switzerland. It was on this visit that Mathilde met and fell in love with Oser, who used to rent horses to the McCormicks.

From Emil L. Burgi, cousin of Oser, who is an interior decorator here, comes the story of the man who is about to marry into America's wealthiest family.

Burgi stated that Oser is fifty-seven, not forty-seven, as has been reported.

Burgi said the father of his cousin Max was a German nobleman named Count von der Muehl, and that Oser's right name was Max von der Muehl.

"Max took the name of his step-father, who cleaned up \$1,500,000 in the cotton business in America after the Civil War," said Burgi. "Max isn't penniless. He has an income of at least \$10,000 a year."

Burgi said his family was once socially prominent.

"Our plight now," he stated, "has come because my predecessors married beneath their social standing. My grandfather, a courier with Napoleon, and his father were society ostracized for marrying women beneath them; and look at me now—an interior decorator. I am glad Max had the good fortune to become engaged to Miss McCormick, though."

Burgi said the family fortunes lay in the fact that his grandfather made

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### AUTO THUGS GET \$22,000 FROM BANK MESSENGER IN CROWDED 7TH AVE. TRAFFIC

### DRY LAW MISTAKE, AMEND IT, SAYS BISHOP GAILOR

Opposed to Putting So Drastic a Law in Constitution, He Says.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—

Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, President of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, said in an address here last night that he believed "the Eighteenth Amendment was a mistake." He also said he believed in the modification of the Volstead law.

"I am in favor of morality," he said, "and I personally observe the Volstead law, but I am opposed to putting compulsory laws of so drastic a character in the Constitution. It partakes of the old philosophy that matter is inherently evil. I am not speaking in the interests of the underworld, but in the interests of intelligent, upstanding men."

### HARDING ANSWERS SENATE ON TREATY

Cannot Furnish Information Because Complete Records Were Not Kept.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Harding, replying to-day to the Senate on the Hitchcock resolution asking for information relative to the negotiation of the Four-Power Pacific Treaty, stated it was impossible to furnish the required information because most of the negotiations were conducted without keeping a record.

The President said it would not be compatible with public interests to disclose the confidential negotiations of the treaty negotiators, but he declared "that there were no concealed undertakings and no secret exchanges of notes."

Almost coincident with the arrival of the President's letter at the Senate the Foreign Relations Committee of that body by a vote of ten to one ordered favorably reported the treaty between the United States and Japan regarding the Island of Yap. Several Republican and Democratic Senators reserved the right to discuss it on the floor. The single negative vote was cast by Senator Pittman, Democrat, of Nevada.

### GIRL'S FIRST BALLOT CAST EARLY AND OFTEN

ATLANTA, Feb. 20.—Miss Jean Pogreiter is alleged to have cast her first year as a voter by casting six ballots under assumed names at secret polling places.

An indictment against her was returned last November, but the police were unable to serve the warrant until to-day. Miss Pogreiter said she had been in New York.

### "SAFEST CITY, AT MIDNIGHT AS WELL AS NOON."

What Commissioner Enright Told the New York Grocers About Their Protection.

"This is the proudest, richest city in the world. For a record of things there is a city that follows the Divine plan—New York. New York is the cleanest and safest city that ever stood beneath the sun."

"Inspect the city by day or night and you will be as safe on any street at midnight as at noon because New York has a soul and is protected by God Almighty and the police."

Police Commissioner Enright in a speech to the New York Wholesale Grocers' Association.

Blocking Car of Runner, One Thug at Point of Pistol Grabs Cash and Quickly Escapes With His Accomplices.

Driver for Messenger Was Hired for the Occasion, but Has a Prison Record—Bank Man Claims He Didn't Know It.

Greenwich Bank Men Armed but Were Paralyzed by Attack—Driver Held as Witness—Thugs Ignore \$25,000 in Coin.

Armed thugs held up a covered motor truck used by the Greenwich Bank at 19th Street and Seventh Avenue at 11 o'clock to-day, snatched a leather pouch containing \$22,000 in \$50, \$100 and \$1,000 bills from one of two messengers of the bank, seated with the driver, and escaped. The thieves made no attempt to touch between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in nickels and dimes in small bags in the body of the truck.

It has long been the custom of William A. Russell of Montclair, N. J., and Clarence Brown of No. 16 East 130th Street, veteran and trusted messengers, to convey every Monday morning from the branch bank at 35th Street and Sixth Avenue accumulations of small coins to the Federal Reserve Bank and sums of money in bills to the branch of the bank at No. 135 William Street. For several months they have been using a motor truck furnished by E. S. Banta, who has a garage at No. 35 1/2 Greenwich Avenue.

Banta's chauffeur was Michael Marro, who, it developed after the robbery, has been arrested four times for larceny in the past eleven years and has served a term in Elmira. Marro was aware of the nature of the trips of the motor truck, but stoutly maintains that he had no hand in the robbery. He concealed his criminal record when he obtained employment with Banta.

Charles E. Whyard, vice-president of the 35th Street branch of the Greenwich Bank, superintended the start of Russell and Brown from the truck to-day. Into the body of the truck were piled more than 100 small stout canvas bags containing nickels and dimes. The bills were in a locked leather pouch or bag which Russell carried.

Both messengers were armed and sat on the seat with Marro, the chauffeur. Russell placed the bag containing the bills between his legs and covered it with his overcoat.

The truck proceeded down Seventh Avenue to the 23d Street branch of the bank, where an additional load of nickels and dimes was taken on. Brown conducted this loading, Russell remaining on the seat with the bag of money clutched between his knees.

As the truck approached 19th Street, a man with a drawn revolver leaped on the running board and commanded Marro to stop the car and throw up his hands. Marro obeyed the order. The thief then grabbed the bag from between Russell's legs and ran with it to the side of a Packard touring car which was moving slowly down the avenue behind the truck with one of the side doors wide open. In the car were three men including the driver.

As the thief with the bag leaped